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U.S. Patent Documents

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Notice and translation thereof are also being submitted. U.S. Patent No. 5,638,511 is the counterpart to Japanese Laid-Open application 7-98691 cited in the Notice as Reference 3.

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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